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Nomination of a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The attention of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is drawn to a matter concerning the composition of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, requiring action on the part of the Commission and the Economic and Social Council. One member of the Board, namely Philippe Melchior (France), who had served from 2 December 1999, resigned on 5 May 2000.

2. According to article IV of the statute of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, annexed to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/56 of 24 May 1989:

> "2. The Board shall be composed of the following:
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> (a) Seven members selected by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control upon nomination by the Secretary-General and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council, with due regard to the fact that the Institute and its work are funded from voluntary contributions and to the principle of equitable geographic distribution. The members shall be chosen from among eminent persons who possess the necessary qualifications and expertise. They shall serve in their individual capacity for a term of five years from the date of the first Board meeting in which they are invited to participate. They shall be eligible for reappointment by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control with the endorsement of the Economic and Social Council for not more than one additional term ...."

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3. According to the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat, the Commission has succeeded to the functions and powers of the former Committee on Crime Prevention and Control in this and in other matters.

4. The following candidate is proposed: Jean-Claude Karsenty (France).

5. In view of the fact that there is only one candidate, Member States are invited to propose additional candidates to fill the vacant position on the Board.

6. The principle of equitable geographic distribution is taken into account in the composition of the Board. The current Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute is composed of:

Adedokun A. Adeyemi (Nigeria): term expires on 17 November 2001
Károly Bárd (Hungary): term expires on 17 November 2001
Ann-Marie Begler (Sweden): term expires on 1 December 2004
Setsuo Miyazawa (Japan): term expires on 26 November 2003
Philippe Melchior (France): resigned on 5 May 2000
Alejandro Reyes Posada (Colombia): term expires on 26 November 2003
Jeremy Travis (United States of America): term expires on 1 December 2004

7. Background information on Mr. Karsenty is provided in the annex to the present document.

Annex

Background information on candidates nominated to fill a position on the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

Jean-Claude Karsenty

Born on 26 May 1937, Jean-Claude Karsenty served in the Inspectorate of Public Administration in 1985. He was Chairman of the Interministerial Mission for Drug Abuse Control (MILT) from 1985 to 1986.

Mr. Karsenty was Director of Prison Administration from 1990 to 1993 and Chairman of the National Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction from 1993 to 1995.

From 1994 to 2000, Mr. Karsenty was Chairman of the Informatics and Telecommunications Commission of the Ministry of the Interior of France.

Mr. Karsenty is currently Director of the Institute of Higher Studies on Internal Security in Paris.